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TOPIC Zerbst Airfield 25X1A

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EVALUATION [redacted] 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1A

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REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. Source learned in early November 1950 that the Zerbst (M 52/D 98) airfield was to be enlarged. Three strips of land, 40, 30 and 12 acres, located in the Straguth (M 53/E 08) area, were purchased or confiscated for the extension of the runway. * The Volkseigener Betrieb Bauunion (nationalized plant) (VDB), Dresden (N 52/F 29), was given the contract for the improvement of the runway and the construction of some barracks. Construction sheds were set up by the firm. About 30 to 40 men and women from Deetz (M 53/E 09) were employed unloading building material which arrived by train.
2. It was rumored among the laborers that several hundred workers were to be employed. The improvement work was to be completed by May 1951.
3. To date, no jet fighters larger than a MiG-15 have been seen at the field. ** There was no night flying with fighters, but jet aircraft practiced taking off and landing at the field almost every second night.
4. No four-engine aircraft have been observed in Zerbst.

25X1A * Comment. This is the first information that the airfield is to be enlarged toward the east. Another source previously reported that building material arrived at the field and that two construction sheds were erected on the eastern end of the runway. 25X1A

This supports the probability that construction work is to be done in the eastern section of the landing field. It is possibly planned to widen the narrow 500-meter concrete strip which is an extension of the 2,600-meter runway. Thus the runway would be 3,100 meters long. The reason for the presumed extension of the runway is not known. The old runway was long enough for MiG-15 jet aircraft. For sketch of airfield, see Annex.

25X1A** [] Comment. No reports have been received indicating that Jet aircraft of a larger type than the Mig-15, are stationed at the field. Another source indicated that the field is still occupied by two fighter regiments.
1 Annex: 1 - sketch on ditto.

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